

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PATENT APPLICATION**

In re Application of: : Group Art Unit:  
**G. Karjoth, et al** :  
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Entitled: : Examiner:  
**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR** :  
**SECURE TRANSMISSION OF DATA** :  
**AND APPLICATIONS** :  
:   
: Docket No: **SZ999-012**  
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Serial No.: : Mahopac, NY 10541  
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Filed: **December 26, 2000** : Date: **December 26, 2000**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

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In Claims:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

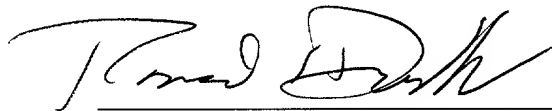
Claim 4, line 1, change "any of the preceding claims" to  
--claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, change "any one of the preceding claims"  
to --claim 1--.

REMARKS

Multiple dependency has been eliminated. Please enter  
this amendment before calculation of the filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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